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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF DR. NEWMAN

S/NM/FOR AMB. VANCE FROM CDA MASTERS

1. MAJRO GENERAL POW SARASIN BY LETTER TO ME OF MARCH 17 HAS ASKED US TO ARRANGE FOR DR. ROBERT G. NEWMAN TO COME TO THAILAND FOR A TWO-MONTH STAY. POW WROTE THAT "IT IS STRONGLY FELT THAT HIS PRESENCE IN THAILAND AS AN ADVISOR TO OUR MEDICAL MEN IN CHARGE OF METHADONE MAINTENANCE AND OUR-PATIENT DETOXIFICATION SHALL BE MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE".

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH USOM DIRECTOR ERNST WHO AGREES WITH ME (A) THAT DR. NEWMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE RTG TREATMENT PROGRAM AND (B) THAT WE SHOULD WELCOME THIS THAI INITIATIVE AND REACT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. ERNST SUGGESTS THAT THE QUICKEST WAY TO ACTION WOULD BE DIRECTLY THROUGH S/NM.

3. THEREFORE, I AM PASSING THIS REQUEST TO YOU TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. DR. AROON OF THE ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL IS A GOOD FRIEND OF DR. NEWMAN AND MAY HAVE SUGGESTED TO GENERAL POW THAT NEWMAN'S PRESENCE HERE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. NEWMAN'S ADDRESS, AS GIVEN BY POW, IS AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL 1828 L STREET N. W. WASHINGTON D.C.

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